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1. the Tientsin-Peiping Railway was damaged by guerrillas approximately 40 miles from Tientsin. On the same day people living in Tientsin were questioned during a search for suspicious individuals.¹ With a heavy loss, a freight car was overturned at the damaged section of the railw^{25X1}
2. A large number of Chinese Communist troops, approximately 50,000 to 60,000 men, recently arrived in Tientsin.² They were mostly young soldiers about 20 years of age, and they spoke with a northern Chinese accent. It was rumored that they were redeployed from North Korea. these troops were stationed in the following areas: ^{25X1}
 - a. In the vicinity of T'angku terminal.
 - b. At the Jen Tso (0086/0155) warehouse located at the end section of Chieh Fang (6037/2397) Road. Guards observed in the vicinity of T'angku wore waist and ammunition belts made of cloth, green-colored uniforms, and black rubber shoes. They were armed with drum-type machine guns. These guards wore no insignia except a patch stating that they were members of the army of liberation and a blank red strip of cloth on their chests.
 - c. Warehouses in the area extending from the Chao Shang Chu (2156/0794/1444) (China Merchant Steam Navigation Company) Pier towards the harbor were occupied by about 10,000 soldiers. Civilians were not permitted in this area after 2200 hours.
 - d. An estimated 10,000 troops occupied two rows of civilian houses, totaling about 50 in number, on the south side of the residential area within the walled

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city of Tientsin. These troops wore grass-green quilted cotton uniforms and spoke with a Tsinan accent. Apparently they had been sent there for rest, and they seemed in high spirits. These troops seemed to be sleeping on the floors of the houses, because the floors were covered entirely with straw.

3. Many soldiers were in Tientsin markets and on main streets. Soldiers comprised an estimated two-thirds of Tientsin theater audiences. When going in and out of theaters the soldiers pushed and crowded each other as if they had little discipline. Civilians usually tried to avoid the soldiers.



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1. The line may have been damaged by disgruntled farmers and not necessarily by an organized guerrilla unit.
2. A Peiping broadcast  announced that the Chinese People's Volunteers Headquarters had decided to withdraw six divisions of the Chinese People's Volunteers from North Korea and transfer them to China

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